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Letter dated 10 April 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement by the States members of the Rio Group and of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) entitled "Towards a new paradigm of cooperation", issued on 8 April 2009 in preparation for the Conference on the Economic and Social Development of Haiti to be held on 14 April 2009 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 52 (a), and as a document of the Security Council.

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Donors Conference on the Economic and Social Development of Haiti

"Towards a new paradigm of cooperation"
Washington, D.C., 14 April 2009

Statement by the States members of the Rio Group and of the Caribbean Community

The Permanent Representatives of the States members of the Rio Group and of the Caribbean Community to the United Nations,

1. Reaffirmed their full support for the "Conference on the Economic and Social Development of Haiti — Towards a new paradigm of cooperation", which will take place in Washington, D.C., on 14 April 2009, taking into account that the socioeconomic development of Haiti and thus the stability of the country require the sustained cooperation of the international community. Therefore they urged donors and other cooperation partners to increase their support to the country through bilateral, regional or multilateral mechanisms established to such effect.

2. Highlighted the preparatory work carried out by the Haitian Government, donors and other cooperation partners at the technical meeting that took place in Ottawa on 2 and 3 March 2009.

3. Congratulated the Haitian Government on the design of an action plan within the framework of the National Strategy Plan for Growth and Poverty Reduction and the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment. These actions are a clear priority of the Haitian Government regarding the work of the Conference.

4. Expressed their wish that the decisions to be adopted during the Conference would contribute to a better alignment of the priorities of the Haitian Government and the offers of donors and other cooperation partners in a common partnership framework based on the principles of shared responsibility and efficiency.

5. Welcomed the inclusion within the agenda of issues related to the strengthening of the Haitian budget as an appropriate instrument for channelling international financial support. This will enable the Haitian Government to achieve a better coordination of that support and a better visibility of the work of the Government by the population.

6. Stressed that the contributions by non-governmental organizations should be channelled in accordance with national needs and priorities established by the Government of Haiti.

7. Reaffirmed their support for the work of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) in support of the Haitian Government and people.

8. Expressed their firm decision to continue supporting the Government of Haiti in its efforts for the improvement of security, protection and promotion of human

rights and the strengthening of institutions, fundamental pillars to consolidate democratic governance in the country and to lay the foundations of a sustainable, just and equitable economic development.

9. Took note of the progress made in achieving a coordinated programme of Latin American cooperation for strengthening the Haitian National Police, in particular, of the meetings held in Santiago and Port au Prince and the establishment of a working group, which is currently devoted to finalizing a plan of action aimed at coordinating police cooperation, including new cooperation initiatives, and making full use of available resources for police training. In this regard, the Permanent Representatives stressed the need to include this issue on the agenda of future donor conferences.

New York, 8 April 2009